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1. IN A BRIEF COLUMN HAILING THE RECENT GIEREK-SCHMIDT AGREEMENT AS A TRIUMPH OF MUTUAL GOOD WILL, POLITYKA EDITOR MIECZYSLAW RAKOWSKI SUGGESTED THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE POLISH MEDIA ONLY "AFTER THEIR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION". IN
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HIS COLUMN, WHICH APPEARED IN THE ISSUE RELEASED ON

AUGUST 15, RAKOWSKI ADDED THAT THE AGREEMENT SIGNIFIES THE "OPENING OF THE TRUE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION" AND CAN BE REGARDED AS THE "FIRST, CONCRETE" RESULT OF CSCE. RAKOWSKI FURTHER CONTRASTS FRG OPPOSITION ATTACKS ON THE CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WITH SWEDISH PREMIER PALME'S REPORTED DEPICTION OF THE AGREEMENT AS "UNUSUALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF PEACE IN EUROPE".

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN A REPORT HERE THAT THE GOP MIGHT BE CONCERNED ABOUT ALLEGED COMPLAINTS IN ZBOWID (VETERANS ORGANIZATION) CIRCLES THAT THE PENSION PROVISIONS WILL NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION IF TRUE, THIS MIGHT REINFORCE GOP RELUCTANCE TO PUBLICIZE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT. RAKOWSKI'S FORMULATION STRONGLY SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR CONTINUED GOP SILENCE STEMS FROM A KEEN AWARENESS THAT, UNTIL RATIFICATION IS ACCOMPLISHED, THE AGREEMENT'S FUTURE REMAINS IN DOUBT.
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